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Letter dated 27 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the decision of the Russian authorities to continue the illegal detention in custody of Ukrainian parliament member Nadiya Savchenko (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 27 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement issued on 27 August 2015 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on yet another decision of the authorities of the Russian Federation to continue the illegal detention of Ukrainian parliament member Nadiya Savchenko until 30 September 2015

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine strongly condemns yet another decision of the authorities of the Russian Federation to continue the illegal detention of Ukrainian parliament member Nadiya Savchenko until 30 September 2015.

On 27 August 2015, the Moscow city court dismissed the complaint of the lawyers of Nadiya Savchenko with regard to changing the measure of restraint and upheld the adjudgement to continue the detention of Ms. Savchenko until 30 September 2015.

Ukraine considers unequivocally that this decision is politically biased and without any legal foundation. Politically motivated judicial reprisals against Ukrainian citizens Oleg Sentsov and Oleksandr Kolchenko, and the decision of the Russian court to continue the detention of Nadiya Savchenko, who is a member of the permanent delegation of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and enjoys immunity, are evidence of the continuing judicial outrages committed by the Russian Federation.

The arbitrary rejection by the Russian judiciary of the substantiated evidence of her innocence as provided by Ms. Savchenko's defence calls into question the further possibility of an objective, transparent and impartial examination of the case.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns the illegal actions of the Russian Federation against Nadiya Savchenko and calls on the international community to strengthen political, diplomatic and sanctions-related pressure against the Russian Federation in order to secure the release of Ms. Savchenko and the other citizens of Ukraine who are political prisoners as a result of Moscow's aggression.